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that is contained on page 4 of the bill, but that is basically a housekeeping amendment and if you turn to page 4 of the bill it strikes the language on lines 11 through 15. That is basically a housekeeping amendment. The central things that this particular amendment does are found in sections 1...well they are found on the first page of the handout that you have, and again, I think it is a fair amendment. I believe Senator Cullan is going to want to close with his reasons for this amendment, and I think it is something that we should all support. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, I have lights on up here for Senator Cope, Senator Dworak and Senator DeCamp. Senator Cope. Senator Dworak, do you want to talk on the amendments?

SENATOR DWORAK: I would call for the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. I do now. The question before the House is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? On ceasing debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Cullan, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just briefly. I think that this suggestion which has come from Senator Hoagland is a good one. I received a call just this morning from an individual who received one of these forms. He called the Department of Revenue to see whether he had to pay this tax or not. He runs a small grocery store out in western Nebraska, and they said, well, we don't know, we are not sure. They couldn't answer his questions on this bill, and I think that this makes it clear that some of the people in his category don't have to pay those taxes. But more than that, I think there is an issue that needs to be brought out very clearly, and that is what happened with the bottle bill a couple of years ago. The bottle bill was placed before the people. The people rejected it, but they rejected it because they thought something else was going to be done. Well, if something else is going to be done, maybe we should raise the tax so that it is a meaningful situation rather than a